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FROM UN

FROM AMBASSADOR DEAN

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1. I SAW DE LA FLOR ON SOUTH AFRICAN QUESTION AT NOON TODAY (OCTOBER 25). HE SAID HE HAD READ SECRETARY'S MESSAGE AND WOULD SHORTLY AFTER MY VISIT ATTEND MEETING WITH HIS STAFF SCHEDULED TO REVIEW THIS QUESTION. HE UNDERSTOOD THAT AMONG OTHER THINGS THE MANY INSTANCES OF SOUTH AFRICA'S FAILURE TO HONOR UN RESOLUTIONS REGARDING RACE PROBLEM WOULD BE REVIEWED. I REVIEWED OUR ARGUMENTS AGAINST DRASTIC ACTION (SUSPENSION OR EXPULSION) PER REFTEL PLACING SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON RECENT CHANGE IN GEO-POLITICAL SITUATION IN THAT PART OF THE WORLD AND BETTER CHANCE OF INFLUENCING SOUTH AFRICAN POLICY THROUGH THAT COUNTRY'S CONTINUED PRESENCE IN UN RATHER THAN AS EXPELLED MEMBER NATION.

2. DE LA FLOR SAID HE COULD NOT TELL ME WHAT DECISION WOULD BE REACHED IN HIS MEETING CONCERNING PERU'S APPROACH. HOWEVER, HE SAID HE COULD MENTION SOME ELEMENTS OF PERU'S POLICY THAT WOULD ENTER INTO THE DECISION. FIRST, PERU COULD NEVER VOTE AGAINST SUCH A RESOLUTION. SECOND, PERU'S THIRD WORLD POSITION
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AND ITS CONSTANT OPPOSITION TO APARTHEID AND RACIST POLICIES

WOULD PLAY A ROLE. AT THE SAME TIME, HOWEVER, HE SAID THAT PERU HAS ALWAYS BEEN AGAINST RADICAL (VIOLENT WAS THE WORD HE USED) SOLUTIONS AND HE TENDED TO PLACE EXPULSION OF A UN MEMBER IN THAT CATEGORY. HE SAID HE THOUGHT THERE WERE OTHER RESOLUTIONS OR MEASURES AVAILABLE TO THE UN THAT WOULD DEMONSTRATE THE ORGANIZATION'S REVULSION AND MOVE IT TOWARDS ITS OBJECTIVES SHORT OF EXPULSION. HE SAID THAT THE SEARCH FOR SUCH A MEASURE WOULD PROBABLY OCCUPY A GOODLY PORTION OF THE TIME DEVOTED TO THIS AFTERNOON'S MEETING ON THE SOUTH AFRICAN QUESTION.
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